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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OTRA

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REFS: A. LAGOS 4067; B. 4049

- 1. REFTEL (A) CONTAINS SEVERAL UNCORRECTED GARBLES BUT FROM WHAT WE CAN READ WE GATHER THAT FMG UNWILLING RECEIVE SECRETARY WITHIN TIMEFRAME OF VISIT. DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD REQUEST FMG RECONSIDER DECISION.
- 2. I MET WITH AMBASSADOR SANU AT NOON EST TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY FMG DECISION THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT UNWISE AT THIS TIME (DETAILS BY SEPTEL).
- 3. EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THERE BE CAREFUL COORDINATION OF PRESS GUIDANCE. I PROPOSED TO SANU AND HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT WHEN PRESS QUESTIONS OMISSION OF NIGERIA FROM ITINERARY DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND THAT SECRETARY HAD INTENDED TO VISIT LAGOS. HOWEVER, HE HAS POSTPONED PLANCONFIDENTIAL

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NED VISIT AT REQUEST OF FMG WHICH FOUND THE TIMING

INCONVENIENT DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS OF FMG LEADERS. FMG HAD EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT VISIT BY SECRETARY COULD

BE ARRANGED FOR SOME OTHER TIME, AND SECRETARY LOOKS FORWARD TO POSSIBILITY OF VISITING NIGERIA SOMETIME IN FUTURE.

- 4. THIS AFTERNOON WE ARE GIVING SANU WRITTEN VERSION OF THE LANGUAGE PARA 3 WE PROPOSE BE USED TO RESPOND PRESS INQUIRIES, AND HE WILL CABLE IT TO MEA.
- 5. PLEASE SEEK FMG CONCURRENCE IN GUIDANCE WHICH FOLLOWS AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THAT CONTAINED PARA 3.
- 6. CONTINUE USE NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE FOR FURTHER MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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